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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph 55 as follows:

[0055] FIGS. 9 and 10 illustrate an add-on flag dispenser that can be attached to a writing instrument. In this embodiment, a flag cartridge 901 holding a supply of tape flags is configured to be attached to a highlighter 950. The flag cartridge 901 is preferably made of a partially pliable material, such as a plastic, and has a nub 902, a recess 903, and an opening such as slot 909 for dispensing tape flags 931. The nub 902 and recess 901 are preferably disposed at opposite ends of flag cartridge 901, with slot 909 located in a central portion of flag cartridge 901. Highlighter 950 has a body 951 and a cap 960 that is attached to one end of the body 951 for covering a writing tip (not shown). At an opposing end of body 951 ~~body~~ 950, the highlighter 950 has a recess 953. A nub 962 is formed on cap 960.

Please amend paragraph 56 as follows:

[0056] The attachment between highlighter 950 and flag cartridge 901 ~~flag cartridge 920~~ is preferably a frictional or squeeze-fit attachment between nub 902 of flag cartridge 901 and recess 953 of highlighter 950. Nub 902 is dimensioned so that it fits snugly into recess 953. That is, this fit is chosen so that it is tight enough to hold firmly the mass of flag cartridge 901, but not so tight as to hinder manual removal of flag cartridge 901 from highlighter 950.

Please amend paragraph 57 as follows:

[0057] On some versions of highlighter 950, nub 962 of cap 960 is dimensioned to similarly fit into recess 953 when flag cartridge 901 is detached from highlighter 950. Accordingly, in a corresponding embodiment of flag cartridge 901, nub 902 of flag cartridge

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901 flag cartridge 950 has the same dimensions as nub 962 of cap 960. In a preferred embodiment of flag cartridge 901, recess 903 of flag cartridge 901 ~~flag cartridge 950~~ also has the same dimensions as recess 953 of highlighter 950 ~~cap 960~~. With the recesses and nubs matching in this way, cap 960 can be stacked either onto highlighter 950 (when flag cartridge 901 is not present), or onto flag cartridge 901 (when flag cartridge 901 is attached to highlighter 950).

Please amend paragraph 67 as follows:

[0067] FIG. 13 shows an exploded view of a refillable embodiment of flag cartridge 901. In this embodiment, flag cartridge 901 includes a cartridge base 972, a dispenser housing, an example of which is a cartridge cap 973, and a supply of tape flags 912.

Cartridge cap 973 has a tapered outer shell 904 that is open at one end, and closed at the other end where recess 903 is formed. An outer slot 979 is located on the tapered outer shell 904 of the cap 973, and extends to the edge of the open end of outer shell 904 of the cap 973.

Cartridge base 972 has a partially cylindrical inner shell 907 and an end cover 906. Nub 902 is mounted on end cover 906. End cover 906 is also attached to a first end of inner shell 907, and closes off that first end of inner shell 907. An opposing end of inner shell 907 is open and unattached to any other elements of the base 972.